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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY ZOELICK'S FEBRUARY 27, 2006

MEETING WITH INDONESIAN MINISTER HAMID AND ATTORNEY

GENERAL SALEH.

1. (U) Classified by: D Chief Of Staff Chris Padilla,  
Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

2. (U) February 27, 2006; 6:00pm; Washington, DC.

3. (U) Participants:

U.S.

The Deputy Secretary

DAS Glyn Davies, EAP

Jonathan Fritz (D Staff)

Donald Mattingley (EAP/MTS, notetaker)

INDONESIA

Minister for Law and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin

Attorney General Abdul Rachman Saleh

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First Secretary Arko Budiadi

4. (S/NF) SUMMARY: Deputy Secretary Zoellick met on February 27 with visiting Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin and Indonesian Attorney General Abdul Rachman Saleh. The Deputy Secretary congratulated Hamid for the peace accord in Aceh and called the Helsinki MOU an extraordinary achievement. Hamid summarized progress in implementing the accord, next steps, and the current status of tsunami reconstruction. On the Timika case, the Deputy thanked his Indonesian guests for their cooperation and stressed U.S. interest in achieving justice through a fair process. Hamid and Saleh explained their different responsibilities with respect to investigation and prosecution, and they described the division of duties with respect to legal policy issues, counterterrorism, and accountability for past human rights abuses. Hamid emphasized that his biggest challenge is controlling immigration and described his efforts to develop a national identity number and biometric passport.

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SUMMARY.

5. (U) Deputy Secretary Zoellick met on February 27 with visiting Indonesian Minister for Law and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin and Indonesian Attorney General Abdul Rachman Saleh. Hamid and Saleh visited Washington from February 27-28, primarily for consultations with Department of Justice counterparts to discuss a variety of law enforcement issues including anti-corruption, CT prosecutions, and prison management. On February 28 the Indonesian delegation called on Attorney General Gonzales.

ACEH

6. (SBU) The Deputy Secretary opened the meeting by congratulating Hamid for negotiating the Aceh peace MOU with the Free Aceh Movement (GAM). The Deputy said the MOU was an extraordinary achievement and complimented President Yudhoyono, Vice President Kalla, and Hamid for turning the

tragedy of the December 2004 tsunami into an opportunity for peace in Aceh. Hamid thanked the Deputy for U.S. assistance in Aceh and praised the work of Ambassador Pascoe, who he said was very helpful anytime a problem

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arose. Hamid also praised the Ambassadors of Sweden, Finland, Japan, the United Kingdom, and Singapore for helping keep the Helsinki negotiations moving forward. The international presence in Aceh following the tsunami, Hamid said, was key to the success of the negotiations; the GOI and the GAM found common ground in coping with the tsunami disaster. Hamid said the GOI welcomed the many overseas Acehnese who now wanted to return home, including 21,000 in Malaysia who had registered with the Red Cross. He noted that over the past thirty years over 15,000 had died as a result of the conflict, or 4.6 deaths each day. Thus, the peace accord had already saved 800 human lives. Hamid also spoke of the positive economic impact of peace, with shops and markets that used to close at 3pm now staying open until 1pm.

7. (U) The Deputy inquired about current progress in implementing the MOU. Hamid said that critics were skeptical that the Indonesian military (TNI) would leave Aceh, but that the TNI had pulled out of the province and now only 13,000 police remained. Secondly, the GOI had granted amnesty to those who qualified under the MOU. The next step in implementation is the Law on Governing Aceh (LOGA); the GOI and Indonesian House of Representatives (DPR) are currently discussing the law.

8. (U) Turning to post-tsunami reconstruction, the Deputy asked about current progress, recalling criticism that many had grown impatient with the slow rate of progress. Hamid responded that reconstruction was going well but admitted the pace needed to accelerate; with the end of the separatist conflict, reconstruction could now speed up.

### TIMIKA AND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

9. (U) The Deputy thanked Hamid and Saleh for their work on the Timika case and their cooperation with U.S.

officials. He said that the key for the United States is justice and a fair process. The Deputy noted that this would help Indonesia move forward, and asked about the next steps in the case and the division of responsibilities between the Ministry of Law and Human Rights and the Attorney General's office. Hamid responded that the GOI had a strong commitment to the Timika case and that he and the Attorney General would continue to work to achieve justice. Saleh added that his responsibility is the prosecution of the case. He explained that the Indonesian National Police would present a dossier to his office, and then the prosecutors

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would review the dossier and either proceed with prosecution or return it to the police for revision. Hamid explained that as Minister for Law and Human Rights, his responsibility is to bring legislation and make policy, along with prison management, human rights issues, and immigration.

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11. (U) The Deputy remarked that President Yudhoyono had done work on accountability issues, such as East Timor, and asked who in the GOI handled these issues. Hamid responded that it is primarily the responsibility of Widodo. Saleh added that follow-up is done through a joint body of different GOI ministries.

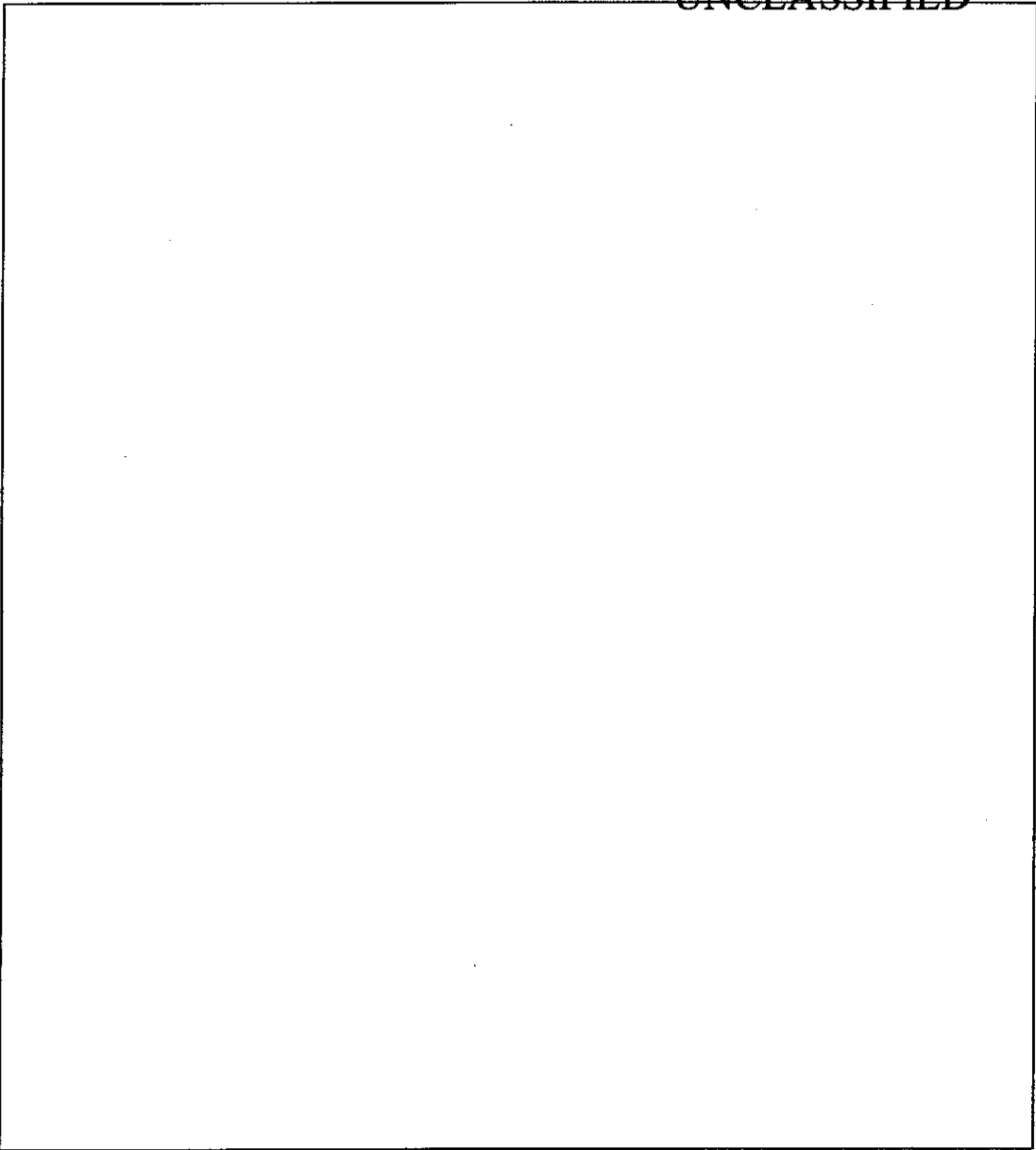
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12. (U) The Deputy asked what the top issues were for Hamid and Saleh. Hamid responded emphatically that all aspects of immigration were his biggest challenge. It is mostly a question of border management among Indonesia's 17,000 islands. People come and go too easily and Indonesia lacks a single national identity number, although the GOI is in the process of establishing a system to issue a lifetime identity number. Hamid added that he is working on developing a biometric passport to prevent individuals from obtaining multiple passports with different names. (NOTE: Hamid met with Consular Affairs DAS Frank Moss on February 28 to discuss biometric passports. END NOTE). The Deputy empathized with the challenge of immigration controls, noting the United States' problems and the difficulty of coordinating between federal, state, and local governments. Hamid said the GOI faced a similar challenge due to decentralization and local autonomy that is being newly implemented across the archipelago.

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